



SUBSTANCE ABUSE EPIDEMIOLOGY WORK GROUP

August 17, 2016

1:00 p.m.

**Governor's Office of Youth, Faith & Family
1700 West Washington St. Phoenix, AZ 85007**

A general meeting of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group (Epi Work Group) was convened on August 17, 2016 at the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith & Family, 1700 West Washington St. Phoenix, AZ 85007, notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group:

Members Present (9)

Dr. John Vivian, Ph.D. , Chair

S. Robert Bailey

Peggy Glider, Ph.D.

Douglas Kramer

Dr. Deborah Kurth, Ph.D.

Jacqueline Luckey-Eaton, Ph.D.

James Riggs

Jamie Ritchey, MPH, Ph.D.

Wendy Wolfersteig, Ph.D.

Staff/Guests Present (5)

Matt Bilesky - ACJC

Marisol Diaz - SIRC

Kendra Williamson-Henriques, Ph.D. – SIRC

Grant Yoder - SIRC

Sonya Pierce Johnson - GOYFF

Members Absent (5)

Linda Jewell

Carlana Orosco

JB Kinlacheeny

Derek Patton



Call to Order*

- **Dr. John Vivian, Chair**, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. with nine (9) members and five (5) staff/guests present.

Welcome/Introductions*

- **Dr. Vivian** asked each member and guest to introduce him/herself.
- **Dr. Vivian** made an announcement concerning the passing of ASU professor Marie Griffin, a colleague of several EPI Work Group members.

Review of Packet and Agenda*

- **Dr. Vivian** reviewed the agenda and packet of meeting materials with members and guests which included the listing from ASAP on perceived data gaps, and the previous minutes.

Approval of Minutes*

- **Dr. Vivian** requested a review of the June 15th, 2016 meeting minutes.
 - **James Riggs** moved to accept the minutes. **Douglas Kramer** seconded. The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

ASAP Update

- **Dr. Vivian** reported about the June ASAP information sharing session conducted by **Sam Burba** and himself.
- The session highlighted some of the findings from the *Marijuana and Prescription Drug Misuse and Abuse in Arizona* report created by LeCroy & Milligan, Associates.
- The presentation highlighted marijuana trends in Arizona, including data from **Dr. Glider on** marijuana past 30 days use among college students; **Sam Burba** discussed prescription drug trends for youth and adults, and used YRBS data to describe correlations with drugs and other risky behaviors.
- **Dr. Vivian** also noted the presentation focused on the consequences of drug use, as suggested by the EPI workgroup.
- **Dr. Vivian** announced the desire of **Ms. Debbie Moak** and **Mr. Bill Montgomery** to have ASAP members become more involved in the Marketing Work Group, which would be involved in the dissemination of research activities.

Community Data Project

- **Matt Bileski**, a Senior Research Analyst with ACJC, presented about the changes to the CDP and requested feedback about how it could be improved.
- **Matt Bileski** expressed the desire to have the CDP be a central location for interdisciplinary research data.
- Wanted to know how to best maintain the most up to date information.
- **Dr. Vivian** explained how creating quality data is a time consuming process.

ASAP Perceived Data Gaps

- **Dr. Vivian** suggested looking at the data gaps identified by ASAP and the group decided on the following:
 1. Child neglect data – *may exist but more needed*
 - Department of Child Safety (D. Kurth)
 2. Child poisonings - *may exist but more needed*
 - We can capture part of the picture but don't know (R. Bailey)
 3. Arizona interdiction seizures – *may not be complete*
 - High Intensity Trafficking Area does publications every year
 - Have to be a member to log into the webpage (W. Wolfersteig)
 - Arizona Criminal Justice Commission
 4. Crime data related to specific drugs – *may not be complete*
 - Department of Public Safety - Crimes reported and arrests (Matt)
 5. Drug use among homeless population - *may not exist*



6. Drug use related to suicide info – *may not be complete*
 - Go by primary cause
 - Or related events
7. THC Potency –*may not exist*
8. Medical Examiners, overdose death, substance specific - *may exist but more needed*
9. Substance abuse by veterans - *may exist but more needed*
 - Check with veterans administration (VA)
 - BURFUS? ADAM? Adult arrestee...
 - Maybe there is a national survey that has been done
10. Regional substance abuse areas
 - Take back to ASAP, need further clarification
 - Ask them if they want clusters in specific areas?
11. Substance abuse by private sector industries – *already exists*
 - Substance abuse by occupation
 - Take it back to the business people
12. Parental/guardian drug abuse - *may exist but more needed*
 - Department of Child Safety, ask Ms. Jewell if she will take a look at it
 - Doesn't become child abuse until it is reported and goes to DCS
13. Traffic fatalities involving substance abuse - *may exist but more needed*
 - Arizona Department of Transportation
 - Governor's Office of Highway Safety
14. Recidivism data as it relates to substance abuse – *may exist but more needed*
 - Do we have a different view today in 2016 than in the 90's?
 - How do we go about measuring it?
 - May have to take back to ASAP to refine...
15. The number of offenders that had drug treatment prior to incarceration and the types of treatment they received. – *take back to ASAP*
 - Diversion, treatment, counseling, programming
 - Don't think we could get what they are looking for..
 - Take back to ASAP to clarify.
16. Number of DUI-D arrests – *may exist but more needed*
 - We track on the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission – CDP
17. Data regarding the dosage of medication-assisted treatment required to have lasting effects after MAT is discontinued.
 - take back to ASAP for further guidance
18. Criminal justice programs
 - What do you exactly want to look at?
 - SAMSHA – NREPP – Arizona Criminal Justice Commission
 - Treatment location providers = evidence based (problem with these is that it's not focused on criminal justice)
 - What if we take out criminal justice?
19. Charging practices across counties for consistencies in how offenders are prosecuted....
 - Take back to ASAP
20. The method of obtaining drugs
 - Take back to ASAP
 - AYS (kids in school)

Using Data to Empower Arizona Communities Training Update

- **Dr. Wendy Wolfersteig** presented the Using Data to Empower Arizona Communities video. She also reported on the progress of trainings to date noting number of people trained and satisfaction with the training.



Special Recognition

- **Dr. Vivian** presented a placard to **Dr. Williamson-Henriques** signed by **Governor Doug Doucey** to recognize her contribution the Epi Work Group. **Dr. Williamson-Henriques** has taken a position as a Professor at ASU.

2016 Meeting Schedule*

- Next meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family on September 21, 2016.

Call to the Public*

- No one responded.

Adjourn*

- **Dr. Glider** moved to adjourn and it was seconded by **James Riggs**, none opposed.

Dated the 17th day of August, 2016
Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group
Respectfully Submitted By:

Samuel Burba
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